SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—56. (1) No census is taken of children of school age. The Lambani population of the State is 45,740. Taking the school-going population at 15 per cent of the total population, the number of Lambani children of school age would be about 6,860.

(2) Information regarding strength in different classes is not collected by communities. There were 27 Primary Schools specially for Lambani boys on 31st March 1928, and the number of boys and girls in the different classes of these schools was as follows:—

	Boys	Girls
IV Year Class	.. 19	..
III Year Class	.. 63	..
II Year Class	.. 82	8
I Year Class	.. 398	32
Total	.. 562	40

(3) It is not possible to give an exact figure. From the information furnished in the answer to No. 2, it could be roughly surmised that about 50 pupils would become eligible for admission to High Schools in the course of a year or two.

(4) 11 pupils in the Middle School classes and 30 in the Primary classes were in receipt of scholarships during 1927-28 at the rates noted below:—

6	pupils were getting	..	Rs. 5 each
5	do	do ..	,, 3 each
11	do	do ..	,, 2 each
19	do	do ..	Re. 0-8-0 (Of these 4 were girls.)

(5) and (6) It is not considered necessary to open free boarding hostels for pupils of the community.

(7) The total number of Lambani children of school-going age has been given in answer to No. (1). The number of Lambani children in general schools is not available at present. The answer to this question cannot therefore be given.

MR. JATRA NAIK (Minority Interest).—

Q.—57. (1) What would be the loss to Government if toddy shops are abolished, giving date groves for cocoanut cultivation ?

(2) If it is small, will the Government be pleased to overlook the loss with a view to uplift the backward classes?

(3) Why should not the Government impose any new cess for compensating the loss to be incurred by the abolition of toddy shops ?

(4) If it is possible to do so, will the Government abolish toddy shops ?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—57. (1) (*a*) The loss of annual revenue will be about Rs. 34 lakhs.

(*b*) Exact increase in revenue is not ascertainable.

(2) *Vide* reply to Question (1) (*a*).

(3) and (4). These are not practicable propositions at present.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Why is it not possible to ascertain the exact increase in revenue ?

Financial Secretary.—

How is it possible to say how many trees were tapped in every village and what revenue was derived from them ?

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Is it impossible to get the information with the help of villagers in respective places ?

Third Member of Council.—

We are not able to get the information now.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

At least in future ?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall consider.

Mr. Satyanaráyana Setty.—

Do you accept the principle of prohibition ?

Dewan.—

That question does not arise.